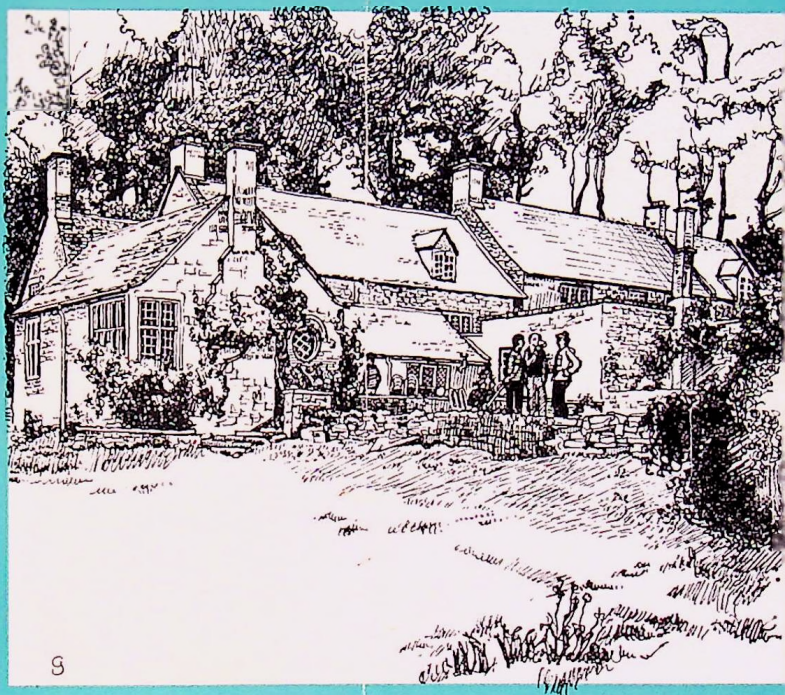




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REPORT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

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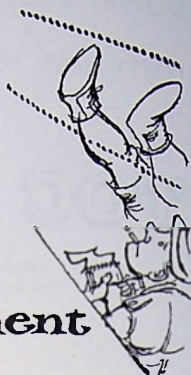
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IN AND OUT



-notes & comment

JOHN CALLF having relinquished his appointment as Administrator, the Central Executive has appointed S. GEORGE H. DAVIS to be Hon. Administrator to succeed him. The Rev. R. J.

Administrative Changes

(JIM) DAVIES will be leaving the staff at the end of June and the Central Executive has nominated the Rev. A. G. (BOB) KNIGHT (Congregational), at present Manchester Area Padre, as Administrative Padre and Rev. COLIN CUTTELL, Vicar of All Hallows, as Hon. Deputy Administrative Padre from July.

MUCH OF THE SPACE in this number is taken up with an account of the recent Central Council meeting. It was a lively gathering, with fifty per cent of the Councillors newly elected and attending their first Council. The record shows that they had much to contribute and important conclusions were arrived at.

Central Council

Despite the hard work put in by our 'recording angels', the printed account forms only the bare bones of a tightly-packed week-end. It now becomes essential, if effective results are to come from it, for the Council's decisions to be implemented within the Branches. Foremost among them is the need to score a bullseye on the Family Purse target of 52s. 0d. per head and doubling the membership within the next two years.

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, a small deputation of the Committee set up to deal with the question of a retiring present to Vic Martin, so long the Warden of Warden Manor, recruited Tubby

Vic Martin Presentation

and asked him to make a presentation on behalf of all of us, of a book containing the names and messages of contributors to the gift, and a cheque for £300. Vic was too overcome to say much

as it was a complete surprise to him, but he has sent the following message to all who were concerned in the gift, and begs to be excused writing to each one personally: "I find it most difficult to express my thanks in words for such a kind gift. The love and kindness with which I find myself surrounded is wonderful. The beautiful book with all its messages of love and goodwill is indeed a treasure and will give me many hours of pleasure. The gift will make it possible for me to build a Railway Home for the future."

A MEMBER of Exmouth Branch, who is himself blind, and expert in Braille printing has offered, as part of his service, to print items of Toc H interest for other blind members and friends.

Toc H in Braille

As a start, he suggests printing: The Four Points of the Compass, the Toc H Prayer, the Ceremony of Light and the Initiation Ceremony. Any Branch that would like to have such Braille copies are invited to write direct to: H. M. Mallett, The Toc H Room, Elm Grove, Exmouth. There would, of course, have to be a small charge of a few coppers per copy, to cover the cost of materials and postage.

MEMBERS OF Netherton Branch gathered in strength at Worcester Cathedral on March 23, to witness two of their members, Don Guest and David Tonge, inducted and licensed

Netherton's

Lay Readers

as lay readers by the Bishop of Worcester. It is interesting to note that David, who came to Britain from Antigua in 1956, is the first coloured lay-reader in Dudley. His vicar, Canon Murray, said: "We read from time to time that political associations and other social groups close their doors to coloured people. In the Christian Church we do precisely the opposite. We open our doors and are glad to have our friends and fellow Christians with us."

THE FIRST CONFERENCE on methods of dealing with leprosy in the Commonwealth, organised by BELRA, was held last month at Farnham Castle, Surrey. Lord Boyd of Merton, president of

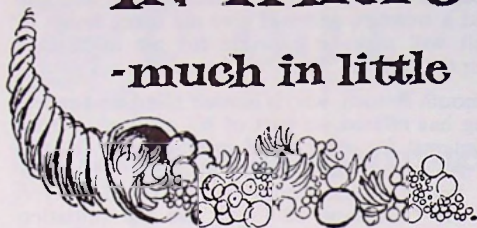
Leprosy

Conference

the association, opened the conference, and speakers included Professor Paul Brand, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Vellore Christian Medical College, Madras University, who is engaged in using the techniques of reconstructive orthopaedic surgery on leprosy patients. Dr. J. Rees Innes, an international leprologist, told the conference that before 1943, the cure rate of leprosy sufferers in India was 2 per cent in 20 years. He stressed the need for a drug which could bring a cure within weeks rather than years, and considered this a practical possibility in view of recent advances in science.

MULTUM IN PARVO

-much in little



✽ **TUBBY.** The Founder Padre has completed his extensive tour which started in February. In addition to his discussions with Branch and District leaders in eleven Areas, he has undertaken many visits to old friends.

✽ **JOHN CALLF** informed the Central Council of his decision not to seek re-appointment as Administrator. He will succeed **F. G. CHESWORTH (CHES)**, Editor of the Journal, on his retirement later this year.

✽ **HUGH L. HUGHES** (Mold Branch, North Wales Division) and **HARRY D. MILLS** (Mill Hill Branch, North London Area) have been co-opted as members of the Central Executive.

✽ **THE CENTRAL COUNCIL** Meeting is fully reported upon elsewhere in this issue. Many important and urgent matters will now need to be shared by

Councillors with members in their constituencies.

✽ **DOR KNAP** was the venue for the first meeting of the newly-elected Central Executive. Apart from the business sessions during the week-end, time was allowed for (graduated) manual labour.

✽ The annual **PADRES' CONFERENCE** also took place at Dor Knap.

✽ **WANTED, URGENTLY.** A variety of extension techniques have been used by Branches in the past few years and these might be tried in other places if they were known. An extension booklet is being prepared and the General Secretary would like to have details of proven methods from those having first-hand experience.

✽ **SELF-ADHESIVE CAR STICKERS** for use on windscreens, etc., are now available from headquarters price 2s. 6d. each.

Central Council

Meeting, 1963

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council was again held this year at The Hayes, Swanwick, in Derbyshire, on Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. Of the Councillors attending, fifty per cent were newly elected and were welcomed at an informal session held after supper on Friday evening by Lt. Col. G. A. ('Tony') WHARTON (*President of the Notts. & Derby Area*) with JEREMY POLLOCK (*Cent. Exec.*) taking the chair. Padre COLIN CUTTELL spoke on his recent Canadian visit and ALAN HILL told of the Loch Eil project and showed some excellent slides. A film of the children's camp run by West Kirby Beacon Branch was also shown, as well as one by 'PETE' PETERS depicting the opening of Prideaux House. The evening ended with Family Prayers led by BILL HARRIS.

Annual Meeting

The Meeting commenced on the stroke of 10 a.m. with prayers led by Padre R. J. DAVIES (*Admin. Padre*). A welcome was given to all present by the Chairman, S. G. H. DAVIS (*Cent. Exec.*) and those invited to attend, including five Councillors' deputies, were given the Council's permission to take part in the discussions without power to vote. 88 of the 100 Councillors elected by Branches were present, the 21 other Councillors attending were a President, LORD COLGRAIN, and members of the Central Executive. Messages of good wishes were read from the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Hubert Secretan,

from the two Trustees-elect, Sir James Brown and Sir Miles Clifford, Miss Macfie and Mrs. Nora Bloxham, and from Australia, New Zealand and Uganda. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting being approved, CYRIL CATTELL (*Gen. Sec.*) gave details of the happenings at the Summer Festival held in London on June 16-17 and told how many members were enabled to see for the first time the family coming together in one place for one purpose.

The Administrator

The CHAIRMAN announced that John Callf had informed the Central Executive that he would not be seeking re-appointment as Administrator. "When we knew his reasons," he continued, "we accepted his decision, and John has agreed to continue until such time as a successor has been found. The Central Executive has appointed a very small sub-committee consisting of Stanley Berwick, John Davies and myself, to receive suggestions. They were mindful that the office of Administrator should be looked at relative to the life of the whole Movement." He paid personal tribute to John for the leadership, inspiration and guidance he had given.

JOHN CALLF said that his decision to stand down had comparatively little to do with his health, but that the conviction that ten years in that office is enough had grown unmistakeable. They had been ten hard years of enjoyment spent in trying to bring new ideas to a movement which he believed was still far too reluctant to accept new ideas: still trying to walk backwards into the future. Members long to see Toc H utterly transformed—so long as nothing is actually changed. John continued:

I am thankful to have been used in helping to bring some new things to pass. Ten years ago Toc H had a fit of the doldrums and didn't know where to go next. As is usually the case the Central Executive asked its members to go home and write hopeful essays. I remember that my essay concentrated on three points:

1. That we must have our own proper leadership training centre.
2. That we should carry out the move of Headquarters to Tower Hill by some scheme that could pay for itself.



Council in session

3. That within the Movement we should create a body of members willing to uphold the work of Toc H in their daily prayers.

Thank God, we have Dor Knap, we have moved to Tower Hill, and the Bordon Company is a small but potent leaven within the Movement.

Among other new developments I am glad to have had some share in are:

Creation of the first Joint Branches of men and women and Joint District Teams.

The new pattern of Toc H City Centre—Bristol.

The first newly built Mark—Prideaux House.

Development of schools and youth projects.

Dor Knap . . . Loch Eil . . . Langdale.

The Promotion of District Teams in some Areas to new responsibility.

The strengthening of confidence between ourselves and the overseas Areas—not least South Africa.

The growing demand for a change in our ceremonies and other welcome changes have taken place. I am thankful to have taken part in them. There have been disappointments too, of course, and failures. It has not been possible to do those things which you can only do for yourselves—persuading new men to join your Branches or starting new units in your Districts.

In swapping the Administrator's sword for the Editorial pen I still hope to play a useful part in the growing performance. It will be extremely good to have this change and I shall welcome the chance to write and think, to follow—however inadequately—in the steps of Barkis and Ches. I am thankful for the experience of the past ten years and grateful to God for all who have helped me by their prayers and friendship.

S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) spoke on his working closely with the Administrator over the past ten years in the many projects outlined. He expressed appreciation of all that John had done and wished him well in his new appointment.

Appointments

The Council appointed with acclamation, on the proposal of the Administrator, seconded by W. A. LEE (*South London*) the following to fill the two vacant places as Trustees:

Sir JAMES BROWN, LL.D.

Sir MILES CLIFFORD, K.B.E., C.M.G., E.D.

On the proposal of the Administrative Padre, R. J. DAVIES, seconded by W. H. BEETON (*Central Executive*) the following appointments and re-appointments as Association Padres were confirmed:

Australia:

The Rev. H. R. BALLARD (*Cong.*)

The Rev. E. H. VINES (*Presh.*)

With effect until 31.12.65.

Southern Rhodesia:

The Rev. H. T. LEEDS (*Presh.*)

With effect until 31.12.66.

Staff Padre:

The Rev. J. W. LARTER (*C. of E.*)

For period of Staff appointment.

The New Central Executive

Councillors were given due notice that the following three members of the Central Executive then in office were not offering themselves for re-election: ROBIN DUNFORD, JEREMY POLLOCK, and Brigadier LESLIE WIELER.

Full particulars of all candidates had been sent to Councillors beforehand. On the recommendation of the outgoing Central Executive, the Rev. COLIN CUTTELL was elected by show of hands. The proposal from the Chair in respect of this appointment was carried.

Fifteen places remained to be filled by ballot from among twenty-one candidates, seven on the London and Home Counties List and eight from the Rest of the United Kingdom.



The Platform: (l. to r.) John Callif, George Davis and Cyril Cattell

The Central Executive for 1963/64 thus consists of twelve members of the previous year's Executive, four new members and two others co-opted.

The following is the full list including the four who are members ex-officio:

APPOINTED MEMBER:

The Rev. COLIN CUTTELL (*lately Senior Chaplain to the South London Industrial Mission, Toc H Field Commissioner 1962/63, Vicar of All-Hallows from March, 1963*).

ELECTED MEMBERS:

A—LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES: W. HUGH BEETON (*formerly of Bermondsey and Accra Branches*). R. L. BRADLEY (*Chairman, Schools Committee*). S. GEORGE H. DAVIS (*late of South India; Beds. & Herts. Area*). HARRY GELL (*Bromley Branch, S.E. London Area*). THOMAS A. R. GULLIVER (*Marshalswick Branch, Beds. & Herts. Area*). DUDLEY F. HERRING (*Orpington Branch, S.E. London Area*). R. J. R. ('JACK') TREFUSIS (*President, Talbot House Association; W. London Area*).

B—REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM: RICHARD AYSIHFORD-SANFORD (*Broadway Branch, West Midlands Area*). ARNOLD BEARDMORE (*Chelmsford Branch, E. London Area*). JAMES B. BRADFORD (*North Shields Branch, Northern Area*). Colonel JOHN A. DAVIES (*Stevenage Branch, Beds. & Herts. Area*). THOMAS F. GILBERT (*Ashford Branch, Kent Area*). ROBERT A. R. LESLIE (*Edinburgh Branch, Scottish Executive*). S. F. ('DOC') MITCHELL (*Beckley Branch, Sussex Area*). CYRIL A. ROWLEY (*Chippenhams Branch, Western Area*).

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

STANLEY V. BERWICK (*Sevenoaks Branch, Kent Area; Hon. Treasurer*). JOHN CALLF (*Administrator*). The Rev. Dr. P. B. CLAYTON (*Founder Padre*). The Rev. R. J. DAVIES (*Administrative Padre*).

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

HARRY D. MILLS (*Mill Hill Branch, N. London Area*), and HUGH L. HUGHES (*Mold Branch, North Wales Division*).

The Annual Report

In moving the reception and consideration of the Annual Report, JOHN CALLF (*Administrator*) said that apart from his own preface the work of assembling it had been done by Rex Calkin whilst Acting Administrator. He welcomed the division into Council and Journal reports and hoped next year's version would be even more stream-lined. The proposal was seconded by J. J. POLLOCK (*Cent. Exec.*).

The Accounts

In presenting the Accounts, S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) pointed out that there was a loss on the year's working of £10,100, and legacies totalling £6,400 had been brought in to reduce this to £3,700. He gave the following comparisons with figures of ten years ago:

	1952 £	1962 £	Percentage Increase
Expenditure	54,000	92,000	70%
Income	46,000	82,000	78%
Average income per head			
from 19,370 members ...	20/11		
from 13,251 members ...		43/11	

In view of the great increase of running costs we might have done far worse.

In response to a query on the heavy interest charges he pointed out that the main one was the mortgage on Headquarters which was more than covered by rent received. The Bank overdraft had been a heavy one, and but for loans of £43,000 made by members, the interest charges would have been much larger.

The past year had seen considerable changes in staff which had had the effect of increasing expenditure as explained in the Report.

The Finance Committee had been concerned to keep salaries at a reasonable level and had established an improved scale during the year. Because of the financial situation a number of Staff men had asked to be allowed to postpone their increments for a period; one more proof, if proof were needed, that these men serve Toc H for what they can give to it and not for what they can get out of it.

Six Areas achieved the target, three were close to it, four topped the £2 mark and only one fell below 30s. 0d. Jubilee activities would mean increased expenditure and the situation called for all members to reconsider their giving to the Movement. "If Toc H is 'to change chaps' let us not be reluctant to change our ideas about how to use our wealth and we shall not have this problem of making ends meet. I ask each one of you to take this back to the membership, to consider their responsibility."

DUDLEY HERRING (*Cent. Exec.*), seconding, said that if the 52s. 0d. per member were achieved it would bring in another £7,000 per annum. He stressed the value of Covenants and said there were several thousand more members who could help in this way if only it were explained to them, together with the reasons why the money is needed.



Dudley Herring

Opening the discussion, F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) said the Council recognised the service given to Toc H by Staff men and appreciated the financial sacrifice this sometimes entailed. T. H. BRAMLEY (*East Mids.*) was convinced

that the membership did not yet appreciate its responsibility for finance and had all sorts of misguided ideas about it. Five years ago, the East Midlands Area took up the matter seriously and had now achieved their target. He suggested the issue of a series of thumbnail sketches to show how the revenue was treated. N. INGHAM (*W. Yorks.*) said the Movement needed good staff and should aim at paying good salaries.

D. NEWTON (*S. E. London*) pointed out the expense of borrowing money from the bank at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and holding investments that yield only $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. He asked how the £180,000 outstanding loans were going to be repaid. In response, JACK HARRISON (*Finance Sec.*) gave figures on the interest paid on the bank overdraft, mortgages and loans from members. He said that investments yielded an interest of over 5 per cent not $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as had been stated and moreover the value of investments had increased by over £16,000 during the year despite the fact that we had been obliged to sell £10,000 nominal value in order to keep within the overdraft limit allowed by the Bank.

H. HALL (*Kent*) offered congratulations on the clarity with which this year's Accounts had been set out and said that members held back from making a Covenant because they did not know they were eligible (e.g. married men earning £700 per annum). J. LYNDSEY ORR (*Scotland*) said it was difficult for a Branch treasurer to discuss a member's income with him, his 'means' included not only money, but time and ability. All members should be asked to allocate income as they allocated time, e.g. income earned in 15 minutes each week might be allocated to Toc H. Similarly time should be allocated.

Dor Knap and Training

In reporting on Dor Knap, R. AYSHFORD-SANFORD (*Cent. Exec.*) spoke of the difficulties experienced during an abnormally hard winter. Dor Knap is essentially a training centre and last year received over 700 people for one or more nights. It was surprising how quickly improvements have been accomplished; the garden has continued to be increasingly productive; the old coach houses are being converted into a games room. For the major work we depend to a great extent on good friends who are professional builders.



Alec Churcher, Tubby and Alan Hill

The Advisory Committee also face some difficulty over casual visitors, due to the problem of catering for people who arrive unexpectedly. Where an Area has taken over the house for a particular period, the organisers become the hosts and not the Wardens. Thus there is an objection to someone turning up out of the blue.

M. E. R. WAND (*Lincs.*) doubted if there was sufficient liaison between Areas and Dor Knap concerning work needed to be done and the tools with which to do it. K. H. BROADFIELD (*West Mids.*) protested on the ban placed on visitors wishing to come for shorter periods than a full week-end. He wanted to feel that everyone, having given due notice, would be made welcome at any time.

G. T. ASQUITH (*E. Yorks.*) commended a Bursary scheme worked out in his Area. A donation of £40, given by Rowntrees, was being used to pay for two of their employees to attend Dor Knap. A similar arrangement had been reached with Reckitts. This was bringing Toc H to the notice of young men who might otherwise miss it. He suggested other Areas might approach other large firms in their localities. F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) told

of a fund started in his Area so that no man need feel debarred from going to Dor Knap because he could not afford to do so.

Apologising for the absence of GEORGE ATKINSON (*Warden, Dor Knap*) who was coping with a Schools Week, ALEC CHURCHER (*Training & Service Sec.*) said that everybody would like an 'open house' policy, but this is unrealistic because Dor Knap is there to do a particular job, i.e., to give as many members as possible an opportunity of living together, if only for a night. He continued:

The training part is important, but even more important is experiencing Toc H and living together. If that is to be done it is not possible for visitors to keep coming in. This grieves George Atkinson very much as he maintains a high standard of hospitality, but there are practical difficulties, with a very small staff.

The committee have given thought to this, and are convinced that we must harden our hearts on this particular issue. Please do not come while a course is on, it does interrupt. There are opportunities to come, such as Open Day. George and Dorothy are always happy to show people round and offer hospitality. When a party books the house for a weekend or a week they should be left to this. For those coming for a day only, that arrangement is up to the leader of the party. I personally would set my face against people coming for a day, but agree that there is room for a Day Training Session for married men who cannot get away. Dor Knap is a residential place and that is why we took it. I believe that our aims are succeeding.

Weekends are now better filled than ever before, and the house is completely booked up to the middle of November for weekends. Not every party is completely filled, but the house is booked. Sometimes the house is shared by Areas. This gets people away from the experience of Toc H they know best and gives them an opportunity of meeting people who have a different experience of Toc H, say the rural area meeting people from a city area. By this mixing we ensure a minimum of 25 every weekend. The weekends are growing in popularity, but the weeks are very worthwhile. There has been some misunderstanding about the word 'old-timer', this is intended for people who have been in the Movement for some time but would like a refresher course. The other Central Weeks depend on names being sent in to me, especially the names of younger members.

Dor Knap is a place of enlivenment, with good humour and high spirits, as much as a place of enlightenment. People come away with a kind of zest for Toc H which is an important ingredient for the Branch. I ask your help in acting as agents, in building up parties in your Areas. I know you will give your backing to the general policy on this use of Dor Knap.

S. W. AINSLEY (*London, E.*) endorsed the view that Dor Knap should be kept specially for training and W. H. BEETON (*Cent. Exec.*) speaking from his own experience, said the residential factor was very important. T. ROMANIS (*Marches*) thought proper tools for the job should be provided, and W. A. LEE (*London, S.*) said that whilst it was pleasant for people to visit Dor Knap and be welcome, he supported Alec and the Advisory committee.

Schools and Work Projects

In the unavoidable absence of Lt. Col. W. R. ELLIOT (*Schools Sec.*) ALAN HILL (*Asst. Schools Sec.*) reported an improvement in affiliations, including two Secondary Modern Schools, which were the direct result of last year's Council meeting. He hoped this was only a beginning.



Tom Hopkins and John Dessauer

Last year's Morden Bog project had brought together a motley collection of twenty-five boys, but they had welded together well. They were grateful to all those who would be helping at Loch Eil this year. Volunteer helpers were coming in the main from the Marks and there was a large amount of goodwill from industrial concerns in Scotland.

Owing to demand, there had been two School parties at Dor Knap this Easter. He paid a warm tribute to Tom Hopkins and John Dessauer, of Toc H Australia, who had played a large part in the success of the second Schools week.

In conjunction with the Council for Nature, a work project that would involve bridge-building was taking place this year at Bovey Tracey.

They were particularly anxious for Branches and Areas to find work projects for themselves. This had been asked before, but the response, so far, had been disappointing. Here was a method for getting young people interested in Toc H.

Last Christmas, boys in affiliated schools had provided a record total of 600 parcels for 'homeless' Borstal lads.

There had been a successful meeting of Schools Correspondents at Gladstone House, Liverpool, and a similar one was taking place in East Midlands Area.

D. J. DAVIES (*Southern*) wondered if the lads taking part in Toc H projects could be given a badge and called 'Toc H Apprentices' with a view to later becoming full members or Builders. E. W. CHEVERTON (*East Anglia*) spoke of an 'elderly' Branch successfully finding jobs for boys. R. ROBERTS (*Manchester*) told how his Area had sponsored an apprentice, not a schoolboy, enabling him to go to Loch Eil. H. E. NAYLOR (*S. E. London*) while appreciative of the Schools work already being done, pressed for its extension to technical colleges and teachers' training colleges. He was glad to hear of the links established with secondary modern schools and hoped they could be extended to comprehensive schools.

ALAN HILL regretted that the majority of Schools Correspondents were not members of Toc H and urged Branches to make closer contact with them. Little contact had been made so far with teachers' training colleges, but John Mitchell had visited several, and they had shown great interest. There was difficulty in keeping tabs on boys leaving school.

O. G. EVANS (*Wales S.*) told of a party of boys refused permission by the Director of Education to put in a week at Dor Knap during term time and W. L. JONES (*London E.*) spoke of a project for distributing fuel to the aged and handicapped organised through a school. H. D. MILLS (*Cent. Exec.*) spoke in support of some form of junior registration and thought the idea of 'Apprentice' should be seriously considered. W. L. JONES (*London, E.*) objected to 'apprentices' and suggested 'affiliated members.'

E. N. DIGANCE (*Sussex*) asked how best to fit in lads of 15-18 and M. E. R. WARD (*Lincs.*) said if they could be in some way recognised they would automatically join Toc H later. J. A. HEBDITCH (*S. Western*) suggested a subscription of 5s. 0d. a year for boys of affiliated schools and N. J. L. PEARCE (*Lincs.*) proposed that the whole question of Junior Membership should be referred to the Central Executive and treated as an urgent matter. This was seconded by E. N. DIGANCE (*Sussex*).

Padre A. G. KNIGHT (*Manchester*) wanted to avoid using the word 'Junior' as the scheme might well apply to Marksmen. H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) said this subject had been considered and rejected by the Central Executive two years ago, but it was pointed out that it was 'Affiliation to Toc H' and not 'Junior Toc H' that was now under consideration. Various suggestions for titles were then offered, including 'Associate', 'Bricklayer', 'Toc H Pioneer' and 'Cadet'. H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) pointed out that already a boy of 16 could become a member and there was also General Membership.



Padre John Jones, J. M. Muir
and 'Doc' Mitchell

J. B. MACMILLAN (*Western*) declared "You are not going to get young people by putting a label on them" and urged using the present Schools machinery. I. HERD (*O. & T.V.*) told of young people enjoying the fellowship of older Branch members and F. H. HOLLAND (*N. London*) suggested working down the scale by bringing into Branch life

men between 25 and 45 years and then the youngsters. N. INGHAM (*W. Yorks.*) said they were moving away from the proposal to refer the whole problem to the Central Executive; we were too bothered about numbers. Quality and not quantity was wanted.

ALAN HILL (*Asst. Schools Sec.*) said he was worried about affiliation of boys. How could it be maintained, after only a week at Dor Knap or a fortnight at Loch Eil? Only when a boy has experienced Branch life is there a chance of holding him. W. A. LEE (*S. London*) asked if something could not be done without quibbling over a dividend? and S. E. ALLARD (*Western*) moved that the resolution be put. This was then done and carried by a majority vote.

Canada

J. M. MUIR (*Kent*) put forward the following Resolution:

That a message be sent to Toc H in Canada that this Council looks forward in faith to a resurgence of spirit in the Movement there and asks the Central Executive to find means of strengthening the links between the two countries whereby this might come about; and towards this end to invite Toc H in Canada to send over a young Canadian to be sponsored and trained by Toc H in the United Kingdom.

The Resolution was seconded by N. J. L. PEARCE (*Lincs.*). Padre COLIN CUTTELL (*All Hallows*) said Toc H administration in Canada collapsed during the war, but there were six places where Toc H was now meeting. If the personal links could be increased it would show Canadian members that we really care. He thought inter-Branch correspondence and literature would help and offered to act from All Hallows as a bureau to supply Branches with Canadian names and addresses.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Jubilee Plans

S. G. H. DAVIS (*Chairman*) reported that four teams had been set up by the Central Executive to formulate plans for marking the Jubilee in 1965; Application. Projects, Dennis Etheredge and Jubilations. He then called on their four chairmen to give brief progress reports.

R. L. BRADLEY (*Application*) said his team's terms of reference were "To rethink the application of the principles of Toc H in the context of the present day including the possible revision of the Four Points, the Toc H Prayer, etc."

The team had met half a dozen times and found themselves floundering a bit at first. Gradually some coherence emerged and they were able to present the Central Executive with an interim report setting out their views to date and the points they believed should be emphasised in any future presentation of the aims and objects of Toc H.

They felt the danger of too much nostalgic reference to the past must be avoided. The unique contribution that Toc H must in future continue to make to the Christian front is the bridging of the gap between the organised life of the Churches and those who are outside.



Fireside discussion

Because the Movement, by its very nature, works mainly in a secular environment the Christian basis of its ideals must be implicit rather than over explicit. Religiosity will lose for us the very men and women, boys and girls, we want to attract. Toc H's first call on men and women is to serve and it is the business of this Movement through its Branches to show them the work that needs doing.

R. J. R. TREFUSIS (*Projects*) said his team hoped for some further leads from the Council and had already examined several suggested projects. These included a "Society of Sponsors" for sponsoring parentless children, abandoned children and delinquents, and without actually fostering them, taking a personal interest in them—a job for a married couple. Another suggested project was to sponsor and develop the Flying Doctor scheme in Nigeria, but little progress has been made in this direction. Thought had also been given to the possibility of initiating a health/cultural centre in Tanganyika. Don McKenzie has another project in mind for creating a model village adjacent to the Toc H T.B. Settlement at Botha's Hill, where picked African families and ex-patients could put into practice the agricultural skills they had learnt whilst in the Settlement. He stressed the interim nature of all that he was reporting.

W. H. BEETON (*Dennis Etheredge*) reported that the Chairman of Toc H in Central Africa had invited us to send two or three teams of four men each to Central Africa during Jubilee Year. The object was to join in some pretty strenuous projects which the Executive out there would plan to coincide with these visits. The visitors would be expected to take part in these special projects and also in Branch activities. The objects of the visit would be to celebrate the Jubilee Year, to bring together members from the United Kingdom and members of Central Africa and to give publicity to Toc H in both those places. It was the intention, after

having found thoroughly suitable members, that they should be given a certain amount of briefing and training before their departure. The Executive had sent a provisional acceptance of the invitation, with the proviso that suitable men could be found.

Col. J. A. DAVIES (*Jubilations*) said that his team was concerned with celebrations in Britain. This would include the possibility of Festivals, publicity, liaison with the BBC, timings of events and liaison with other bodies in connection with the celebrations taking place in the summer of 1965.

There should be a series of festivals spread round the country, with a central one in London, which might either start the ball rolling or provide a climax at the end. This London celebration might occupy a week, with something like previous festival gatherings at the weekend. Mill Hill Branch had put up a suggestion to organise a celebrity concert at the Festival Hall open to the public as well as to Toc H.

Regarding the other festivals, they were thinking in terms of six to eight such activities in various convenient centres, with no one place too remote from any Branch. These local festivals would be organised by Areas, or combinations of local Areas, with the aim of bringing out the Toc H relation to that particular area as well as its characteristics and historical interest. While local teams would organise this aspect, the Jubilations Team felt that they should find somebody as soon as possible who would take charge of the whole operation as co-ordinator and organiser at the London end.

Men, Methods and Finance

T. F. GILBERT (*Cent. Exec.*) outlined a proposal for long-term planning entitled 'Men and Methods', which examined the question of a full-time, paid staff. This came to the conclusion that in the planning and building of new Branches, including surveying needs and possibilities, it was very necessary to have first class full-time men on the job. It was also essentially the work of a full-time staff to spot new leaders and set about the business of training them.

A number of Areas were understaffed and younger men, who in turn would appeal to younger people, were needed. The idea of developing Centres like Bristol could very well be linked with close liaison work with some of the new Universities. The plan considered that there ought also to be a second Dor Knap, perhaps of a different brand, in another part of the country to be used for a training centre.

The financial side of such a plan had been given serious consideration by the Finance Committee and Central Executive, said STANLEY BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*), and it was proposed to engage a professional money-raising team to provide the wherewithal, approximately £100,000, to cover the suggested developments. This money raising agency would show Toc H how to obtain the funds. It was visualised as a seven-year scheme starting in Jubilee Year with preparatory work between now and 1965. He asked for the Council's general approval, to enable the scheme to go forward in conjunction with plans for Jubilee celebrations.

S. G. H. DAVIS (*Chairman*) mentioned a further aspect of 'Men and Methods' which included taking on two new Staff men as Mark Pilots. Their function would be primarily to train the Hon. Wardens so that Marks could perform their full role as essential parts of Toc H.

Believing that the best way to celebrate the Jubilee of the Movement is to record progress and achievement, this Council pledges itself to work for the doubling of the membership and the balancing of the budget by 1965.

In moving the above Resolution, H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) said: "We can lay on plans for Festivals in 1965, we can make a re-appraisal of our aims for the Movement, we can undertake some



Harry Gell, R. Dean and R. Roberts

major project to mark our Jubilee, but the best way of celebrating the Jubilee in 1965 would be to say, to announce as a fact, we have doubled our membership in the last two years—and we have balanced our budget. If this resolution is passed, it must become the policy of the Movement for the next two years and worked out in all its details over the whole field of Toc H. In doubling the membership, extension will be the main concern of Area Executives, Area Teams.

District Teams, Branches—and the members. The Staff will be much more involved in extension—both in the planning and building of new Branches and in the training of leaders for them, perhaps to the exclusion of much of the present maintenance

work. The budget *can* be balanced by getting over to every Branch the present aim of 52s. 0d. per member." He quoted figures covering the last five years:

	1958	1962
Membership	16,031	13,251
Branch contributions	£26,963	£29,221
Buildings	£10,836	£12,721
Totals	£37,599	£42,550
Decrease in membership in these five years		16.8%
Increase in contributions		12.5%

Citing his own District, he said Branch contributions were £198, but the amount recovered from tax, by way of Covenants, was more than £82.

N. CHIDLEY (*Cent. Exec.*) in seconding said that if the membership continues to fall at the present rate it will disappear towards the end of the 1970's. If we could only bring Toc H to a wider circle of people there would be many who would want to join in with us and a lot of today's problems including those of finance would disappear.

N. J. L. PEARCE (*Lincs.*) thought the resolution spoke for itself and asked if we could afford *not* to support it. LORD COLGRAIN (*President*) speaking in favour of the resolution asked the Central Executive to ensure that staff are being employed in the best possible way. If we get the leadership from within we shall be able to show two years hence that we are a very live movement. D. E. J. WOOLLEY (*Kent*) thought the proposal to double the membership in two years was unrealistic but T. H. BRAMLEY (*E. Mids.*) did not think the target too high and F. W. DIVES (*Kent*) concurred, provided the missionary spirit was there. O. G. EVANS (*S. Wales*) spoke in favour of recruitment by guest-nights and G. E. DIXON (*E. Mids.*) told of the value of leaflet raids. P. K. HUNT (*Western*) in supporting the resolution thought that money raising would prove easier than extension.

D. NEWTON (*S.E. London*) proposed an amendment placing the raising of money first and increasing membership second. This was seconded by S. W. AINSLEY (*E. London*). This was then put to the meeting but was defeated and the original resolution was then carried.

At a resumed session, S. G. H. DAVIS (*Chairman*) called for an expression of opinion that the Central Executive and Central Finance Committee should proceed with plans for an outside agency to help in the extension of Toc H, over and above our normal development. "The Executive" he continued, "is saying that as part of our whole thinking about Toc H in the next fifty years we should plan for the development and extension of Toc H into further fields. This cannot be done by the money which we get at present." STANLEY BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) added that this would include the raising of funds to finance any projects recommended under the Jubilee programme.

A long discussion, in which many Councillors took part, then followed. Eventually, on the proposal of D. HERRING (*Cent. Exec.*) the following resolution was offered:

That this Council gives authority to the Central Executive to call a special meeting of the Central Council in London within the next six months, if it considers this necessary, in order to present in detail and in more concrete form:

(i) The plans outlined for possible future developments and projects at home and overseas and the consequent addition of extra staff that would be required;

(ii) Possible methods of raising the money necessary for the above.

Seconded by W. WEIR (*Northern*). Carried unanimously.

Branch Status Renewals

That from 1963 onwards the Area Guard or equivalent body shall require that Branches eager to renew their trusteeship for a Lamp of Maintenance shall submit convincing evidence of their team spirit and records of the Christian social work which their members are fulfilling, to an Outside Authority, competent to study the facts and to advise the Guard.

In proposing the above Resolution, TUBBY (*Founder Padre*) declared that he had the utmost sympathy with men who upheld the standard of Branches of two or three members, but some definite number should be placed on a team's formation; five or six being utterly inadequate. "This is a movement and not a society," he continued, "a movement is a net which allows the fish to flow in and out of the net, the little ones falling back to grow."

He asked the Council to give serious consideration to set up a court of judgment to assist them in maintaining the Lamp, and offered a keyword—"Zimmu," which covered those things by which a Branch could be tested. z=Zest. The zest of a Branch must be manifest, otherwise no progress can be made. i=Intelligence. The amount of intelligence in a Branch. The i has a dot to it, and that is for inspiration. m=Miracles. That men can become humble yet worthy examples of the Grace of God. m=Morality. A Branch must be judged for its determined defence of Christian morality. u=Unity. Toc H is a brotherhood in and out of Branch life. We should hear what outside people say and think about the progress of the Toc H Branch concerned in their neighbourhood—even if we do not take their advice.

LORI COLGRAIN (*President*) in seconding, supported Tubby in principle but he was not convinced that weak Branches needed necessarily to be strengthened by an outside body while we have Guards of the Lamp. He urged the Central Executive to look seriously into the matter of the weak Branches.

D. NEWTON (*S.E. London*) moved an amendment that the reference to an outside body should be deleted and S. E. ALLARD (*Western*) seconded this. The amendment was defeated.



Bob Leslie

Padre A. G. KNIGHT (*Manchester*) thought that Guards of the Lamp had not always had the courage of their convictions and the resolution was related to the question of the public image of Toc H. S. B. CUTTILL (*W. London*) sought information about the composition of such a 'public' body.

The Resolution, when put to the vote, failed to be carried.

Branch Standards

J. A. HEBDITCH (*South Western*) said the picture given in the Annual Report was a distressing one and it was obvious that there must be an all-round improvement in Branch standards. This is more likely to be forthcoming if the Central Executive would positively and firmly lay down the aspects of Branch life which must be considered before any re-grant of Branch status is made. Also at present we are having to devote time to the question of finance which could, if the circumstances were different, be put to better use. He moved:

That this Council considers that the standards usually required by District Teams and Area Guards when recommending the continued recognition of Branches are too low and therefore requests the Central Executive to consider and make known the conditions to be observed.

Further, the Council is of the opinion that a re-grant of Branch status should be refused to any Branch which has not made its minimum annual contribution to the Family Purse at the average rate of 52s. per member, unless such failure can be justified to the satisfaction of the Area Guard or equivalent body.

H. M. JENKINS (*South Western*) in seconding, felt that some attempt to raise the standards of Branch conduct to a proper level was essential and pointed out that the amount of 52s. 0d. was the average from the Branch and not necessarily from an individual member's pocket.

D. V. POPE (*Southern*) said that in cases where a member's wife belonged to Toc H W.A. their joint financial commitments are not 52s. 0d. but 104s. 0d. We needed a more vigorous attitude towards finance. P. K. HUNT (*Western*) thought that it would be useful and constructive to have a set of conditions laid down.

F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*), speaking as a member of the Area Guard, felt that it was perhaps unjustified to assume that Branch standards throughout the country were too low. The important thing was to elect to the Area Guard those men best capable of assessing the needs of Toc H and interpreting Toc H when judging the value of Branches. The Resolution was defeated by a majority vote.

National Toc H Week

That, as an aid to the spreading of the name and purpose of Toc H during Jubilee Year, the Central Council requests the Central Executive to arrange either (i) A National Toc H Week calling for the co-operation of All Branches, Districts and Areas, or (ii) A series of Toc H Weeks spread throughout the year 1965 to be undertaken by Branches, Districts and Areas.

"The time has come," said W. WEIR (*Northern*), in proposing the above Resolution, "when we should no longer be passive in trying to spread the meaning of Toc H." There is a greater need today than ever before, for the ideals of Toc H to be passed on to men. The Movement is not well known enough, it should be the focal point of every community, and it can be so if we really believe in what it can achieve. The best way to have Toc H is to give it away. A single spark of enthusiasm will set a whole District ablaze. Let us invite people to share our problems and those of the community.



Between sessions

In seconding the Resolution C. F. WRIGHT (*Northern*) called for good use of Jubilee Year by letting people know what we do and to enlist public goodwill. He outlined a summary of possible activities by the Branches, special efforts, publicity and finance, and cited the

success of last year's Tees-side Week.

D. E. J. WOOLLEY (*Kent*) said we should try to involve as many people as possible and suggested a National Job Week to make it known locally that Toc H was there to serve. W. A. LEE (*S. London*) thought that the words of the Main Resolution "... reckoning nothing of the world's opinion ..." had been forgotten.

The resolution, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Toc H and Toc H Women's Association

In view of the changing circumstances and the fact that in Toc H we pledge ourselves to the breaking down of barriers between all persons, this Council resolves to work positively towards the ideal of one family consisting of both men and women. To this end we request that the Central Executive investigate further ways and means of bringing about a more integrated Movement.

Proposing the above Resolution, S. E. ALLARD (*Western*) said: "All too often, movements like people are creatures of their own time. After the First World War, it would have been as unthinkable to start a society involving membership of both sexes, as it would be unlikely, even ridiculous, to do otherwise today. We must remember the accident of our birth in the Flanders mud, not a miscarriage, but certainly an aggressively masculine bundle of joy. Today we live in a different age, when woman has conclusively proved her ability, and gained rather more than a foothold in every door.

Changing times mean that we must adapt. We have a duty to interpret the spirit of Toc H so that it can be communicated immediately to the modern generation. This is not a call to change our principles, but to invest them with greater meaning. The basis of Toc H is that people matter for themselves. They are ends in themselves, never a means to an end, and we should love our fellow human beings, even if we do not like them immediately, because they like us are all children of God. By refusing this challenge, we are cramping our own growth and throwing God's love back in his face. We have already tackled, though not completely destroyed, the class barrier with very real courage especially in the early days. I now



Simon Allard and Bob Shore

ask that we should set about the sex barrier with imagination."

N. H. HINTON (*Western*) in seconding, said that it was fair to suggest that integration would foster administrative co-ordination and whilst this, in itself, is not sufficient validity for integration, one of the outcomes could well be more careful stewardship of money and manpower. The principal benefit to the Movement would undoubtedly be that of fuller co-ordination in the fields of extension and service.

S. W. AINSLEY (*E. London*) thought this a forward looking motion and felt there was likely to be little opposition from the newer Branches and H. GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) supported the Resolution on behalf of the Central Joint Advisory Committee.

I. HERD (*O. & T.V.*) as a member of a Joint Unit spoke of the difficulty in allocation of financial contributions between Toc H and the Women's Association. J. M. WEAR (*O. & T.V.*) said the proposal had possibilities, and it is the young people coming into the Movement who should be considered. Miss M. FOWLER (*Gen. Sec. W.A.*) suggested using the available machinery and not only thinking in terms of Joint Units but also of joint co-operation.

The Resolution was carried by a majority vote.

Ceremony of Initiation

After fifty years, said F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) the Four Points remain as the unchanging, rocklike foundation of a way of life that has served generations of the Movement. He believed that if we held on to them and threw the rest away we should lose nothing of the essential Toc H. Continuing, he said:

He had never been happy about the Ceremony of Initiation; more often than not its awkward performance had made him feel embarrassed. He asked the Council to give a clear indication that it will not allow Toc H to march into the future handicapped by the dead weight of an out-of-date ceremonial and proposed the following resolution:

Being convinced that the continued existence of Toc H can be assured only as long as it adapts itself to changing conditions, retaining from the past only those things which contribute to the future, this Council considers that the Ceremony of Initiation has outlived its usefulness and, therefore, calls upon the Central Executive to arrange its elimination from Toc H procedure.

In seconding, D. R. D. PUGH (*Beds. & Herts.*) said the ceremony was devised in circumstances and to appeal to attitudes of mind utterly different from those which exist now. After N. J. L. PEARCE (*Lincs.*) pointed out that the Ceremony was optional and left to those who want to use it, the proposition was put but failed to be carried.

Saturday Night

At a second informal session, chaired by HUGH BEETON (*Cent. Exec.*) the Councillors were introduced to 'OSSIE' JOSEPH and his wife, EDITH, from Western Province, South Africa, who spoke of some of the problems and



'Ossie' and Edith Joseph

hopes with which Toc H was confronted in his country. He said "I believe God is calling Toc H to greater tasks than we have yet attempted; to the task of building bridges and extending Christian love in a personal way by entering into the lives of those in South Africa who are separated from their white fellow citizens."

"We have made some beginnings," he added. "There are some very fine men, some Cape Coloured and some Afrikaaners, who wear the Toc H badge with distinction,

men who have got the real spirit of Toc H. We have two units where white men and non-white men come together in fellowship and are learning the real understanding which is difficult in South Africa."

After 'Light' had been taken by 'Ossie', the Chairman introduced TOM HOPKINS and JOHN DESSAUER, from Perth, Australia, who passed on greetings from the Western Australian Executive, the Australian Executive, John Jans and Australian members. They drew an absorbing picture of the Movement in their country and the time came all too soon for Padre JOHN GINGELL to lead the company in Evening Prayers.

Services

On both Saturday and Sunday the day commenced with a celebration of Holy Communion in the chapel, and in addition on the Sunday a Free Church communion service was also held. Before the Council resumed its business on the Sunday, there was a short service, held in the Conference Hall, conducted by Padre CLIFFORD POLLARD (*Kent & Sussex*).

Final Stages

The closing moments of the last session being reached, the Chairman expressed the thanks and good wishes of the Council to "CHES" (F. G. CHESWORTH) who would be retiring from the staff in the autumn, after ten years as Editor of the JOURNAL. This was endorsed with acclamation, as was also an "omnibus" thanks to the Management of The Hayes, to the Toc H Stewards and Staff and to the hard-worked "recording angels." On behalf of the Council, Colonel J. A. DAVIES warmly thanked S. G. H. Davis for his genial Chairmanship. Homegoing Prayers were led by Padre JOHN JONES and included this reading from Philipians II:

If then our common life in Christ yields anything to stir the heart, any loving consolation, any sharing of the Spirit, any warmth of affection or compassion, fill up my cup of happiness by thinking and feeling alike, with the same love for one another, the same turn of mind, and a common care for unity. Rivalry and personal vanity should have no place among you, but you should humbly reckon others better than yourselves. You must look to each other's interest and not merely to your own. Let your bearing towards one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus.

Elder Brethren

' With proud thanksgiving . . . '

ASHCROFT.—In April, Dr. ALEC HUTCHINSON ASHCROFT, D.S.O., aged 75, former headmaster of Fettes, Edinburgh, and a founder member of Edinburgh Branch. Elected January, 1922.

BEECH.—Suddenly, at a Branch meeting, on April 9, CECIL WILLIAM BEECH, aged 61, a member of Fletton & Stanground Branch. Elected 4.4.'35.

BUNT.—On April 8, ERIC BUNT, aged 53, a member of St. Austell Branch. Elected March, 1955.

COIT.—Suddenly, on April 9, ALBERT CHARLES COIT ('Bill'), aged 68, the secretary of Abington Branch, Northampton. Elected 15.12.'54.

COLLEY.—On April 6, DONALD ERNEST COLLEY, aged 59, a member of Wyke Regis Branch. Elected 26.5.'53.

COOK.—On March 31, CHARLES LIONEL COOK, aged 72, a member of Newsome Branch. Elected 12.7.'60.

FROST.—On March 31, ROWLAND FRANK FROST ('Ron'), aged 53, a former member of Deeping Branch. Elected 14.3.'34.

HARRIS.—On April 12, SIDNEY WALTER HARRIS ('Uncle Sid'), aged 91, a member of Ilminster Branch. Elected 11.5.'55.

KERRIDGE.—On April 1, FRANK ANCOR KERRIDGE, aged 65, the Pilot of Wimborne Branch. Elected 30.7.'27.

KYTE.—Suddenly, as a result of a fire, on April 14, JACK SYDNEY KYTE, aged 52, a member of Frome Branch. Elected 18.7.'59.

NELSON.—On April 10, THOMAS HENRY NELSON, aged 70, a member of Beeston Branch and Notts. & Derby Area Rolls Secretary. Elected 23.5.'36.

OLIPHANT.—On February 25, the Rev. DONALD ADEN OLIPHANT, aged 63, a Southern Area member. Elected 25.7.'40.

PLANT.—On March 28, FRANK LEWIS PLANT, aged 71, a member of Mill Hill Branch. Elected 14.3.'30.

ROBINS.—On April 5, FREDERICK W. ROBINS ('Flints'), aged 77, a Southern Area member. Elected 1930.

SLOMAN.—On April 19, GRENVILLE STUART SLOMAN, aged 58, a member of Crediton Branch. Elected 8.6.'38.

STENNING.—On April 1, ARTHUR STENNING, aged 73, a founder member of Uckfield Branch. Elected 8.12.'47.

TATE.—On April 7, the Rev. HAROLD EDWARD GEORGE TATE, aged 66, a member of Waterloooville Branch. Elected 27.2.'53.

TEW.—On April 4, JOHN NEVILLE TEW, aged 40, a member of Portsmouth Branch. Elected 14.1.'50.

YOUNGS.—On March 25, EDWARD YOUNGS, aged 72, a member of Ashington Branch. Elected 12.10.'31.

Read All About It!

GEORGE DRAPER

DO YOU buy a copy of the Toc H JOURNAL every month? And if so—do you read it? I can answer “Yes” to the first question and “now and again” to the second.

You may well ask why I trouble to buy the JOURNAL at all. Pressed to give a sound reason I think I should have to plead loyalty to a publication which has served the Toc H Movement so well over a long period of years. But I think that the time has come for a change in the presentation of news of Toc H.

Like many other people, I manage to lead a busy life and, consequently, my time for serious reading is limited. I therefore tend to give what time I can spare for reading to the publications which, by their very appearance, make an immediate impact on the potential reader. Usually they tend to be journals which have something serious and worthwhile to say.

In my view the Toc H JOURNAL in its present format does not meet the needs of our Movement in the nineteen sixties. It is, to put it bluntly, rather dull in appearance and lay-out. This is a sad state of affairs, because the contents of the JOURNAL usually have much to commend them, but are doomed never to reach the attention of the circulation they deserve.

My suggestion is that the JOURNAL be produced as a newspaper-style publication in tabloid form. This would enable news and articles to be presented in a more attractive and appealing style. Such a format would also commend itself to the general public who, I am sure, are

wanting to know much more about Toc H activities. It would also mean that news from areas could be interspersed with other articles and news items. This scattering process would prevent members from turning to their particular page for local news and ignoring all the rest! Finally I suggest that if this style of presentation were adopted the title should be changed to "Toc H Times".

There are signs that we are in the process of taking a serious look at many aspects of our Movement in order that we may more readily be able to meet the needs and challenges of this modern day and age. This is not to say that I favour wholesale changes just for the sake of presenting a more popular image. But I do think we ought to welcome this interest in ensuring that Toc H is regarded by the community as a modern progressive Christian organisation.

Before readers reach for their shotguns may I conclude by saying that I have aired my suggestions at branch, district and area level and have received overwhelming support!

Lampolatry

THERE IS A GROWING IMPRESSION in many circles that our Ceremonies of the Lamp are being unduly emphasised, to the detriment of the future of Toc H. The path by which we trace the progress of decayed institutions lies thick with the ghosts of worn-out forms. When such an institution was in its early youth, someone probably said, "Let us have a Ceremony." And everyone else answered "Let's." Of course, it was clearly understood that such a Ceremony was only the outward expression of the inner feeling, which, so long as the initiators of the scheme remained, was nothing less than the truth.

But twentieth-century Man is very primitive, and loves forms passionately. (That's why so many go into Government Offices.) Besides, he's very careless (that's why so many stay there); and very probably he may not give serious thought to the inner meaning of the Ceremony. The old members pass to the limbo of forgotten things, and have their passing commemorated with fish-slices and silver photo-frames on the sideboard, and a pram in the hall. The younger generation, full of omniscience and misguided zeal, hedge about the Ceremony with more regulations; busied with this, they forget its inner meaning; decay sets in on the society, few set out on the society's work, and they all settle down to trade on the fading reputations of past glories.

If you don't believe it, pick up any standard work on Church History. If you do believe it, read on.

There is something for some of us about Great Light and the other kind of light that is like that fat page-boy of Mr. Wardle's household. It "wants ter make yer flesh creep." Forty years on, will the Lamp mean what it means now? Or will it be a fetish used for that worst of all reasons—because it has been so in the past? It's a horrid thought, but one that should not be shirked, that too much "Lamp-worship" now may mean a dignified impotence when Toc H reaches Chesterton's "early middle ages".

There are in every Toc H branch two necessary adjuncts. The one is the Lamp. The other is the Jobmaster. The one is only an exposition of our aims, the other is an expression. The Jobmaster, rather than the Lamp, sums up our ideals; in him do we find the meaning of the Movement; his office is the point whence we organise the whole leaven that is to leaven the lump. The Lamp is only a symbol; he stands for reality. Not forgetting the Elder Brothers we must not forget those that are coming after. By reason of generous press notices we are a city set on a hill. We are the latest expression of the

belief that the individual matters most and that God's foolishness is greater than man's calculated wisdom. If we are to maintain it, we must look forward and work.

For not in a lighted lamp, but in well-staffed Boys' Clubs and Scout Troops; in the sick regularly visited; in educational work diligently done; in a hundred other acts of service, great and small, done in a spirit of fellowship with those who have gone before and care for those who are to come after — in these things will Toc H find its strength and the promise of a mighty future, and in that light shall we see life.

R.C.T.

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Seven-A-Sides

DERRICK I. BROWN

THE Thirteenth Annual Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition organised by the Toc H (Manchester) Rugby Football Club at Stenner Lane, Didsbury, on Saturday, 27th April, 1963, defied superstition, and proved a record breaker. Thirty-two teams took part, and the collection for the Toc H Children's Holiday Camp Fund realised £20.

In the morning as a steady drizzle descended, the ground and behind the Didsbury Hotel was a hive of activity, the metallic clanging of sledgehammers on metal spikes echoed round the ground, second row forwards strained on ropes to haul up the marquees. A milk float gliding quietly past the 1st XV goalposts provided an incongruous sight, to be followed seconds later by a bread van. At 1 o'clock the Refreshment Marquee, staffed by the wives of members, was ready to serve sandwiches, tea and

cakes, etc. The Loud Speaker Display Van had arrived from Players and all was ready. At 1.30 the teams were arriving and at 2 p.m. the first games started and the rain stopped.

With past winners, De la Salle Old Boys, Thornton & Cleveleys, Oldham Boro' and Old Hulmeians along with fancied Newton-le-Willows all out by the second round the excitement grew and many guesses as to the eventual winners were made. The Toc H team gave their supporters anxious moments against Shell in the first game before eventually winning in extra time and later looked to be doing well before going down 6-0 to De Havilland in the semi-final, who won the final 8-0 against Leigh.

The President, Harold Payne, presented the "1963 Winners" Pennant to the De Havilland Captain. All the equipment on the ground was cleared away, and we adjourned to the Didsbury Hotel to talk of the afternoon and games of the past with our rugby and Toc H friends.

Letter-boxes

AS PART of a recruitment drive for new members, the Beckenham Branch of Toc H were recently engaged on a house-to-house distribution of leaflets within the area of their meeting place at the Congregational Church Hall, Crescent Road, Beckenham.

At a subsequent meeting, Mr. John Hook, the minute secretary, reported the action taken and made some observations on letter-boxes.

The members, he said, set out clutching a bundle of leaflets in the left hand, with the right hand free to do the

posting. Members soon discovered that letter-boxes varied in design and type. They fell roughly into five categories, reported Mr. Hook.

ONE: The plain open slit with no flap. This was rare, but "the dream" of the deliverer since only one hand was needed.

TWO: The horizontal slit with flap. Easy to operate if the spring on the flap was not too strong, though the flap had the habit of cutting into the base of the fingernails on the rebound. The strength of the spring could be estimated by the number of bloodstains on the surrounding paint-work!

THREE: The roller flap on a horizontal slit. A very superior model, and quite painless, but when working one-handed it needed to be held open with the tip of the nose while the leaflet was inserted.

FOUR: Vertical slit, often incorporated with door handle assembly, with a strongly sprung flap. This presented a real difficulty to the one-handed leaflet inserter, and was best tackled by means of a short stick held between the teeth.

FIVE: The low situated horizontal slit. About six inches from the ground, these were very difficult to locate in the dark.

Leaflet delivery, concluded Mr. Hook, was not a task to be undertaken too light-heartedly.

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OPEN HUSTINGS

-readers' letters

NO!



The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

Journal Readers

VARIOUS people constantly tell us that a certain subject should form the basis of 'once-a-month' at Branch meetings.

Stan Emery is the latest to join this happy band by suggesting a monthly discourse on the JOURNAL, for the general uplift of those who: (a) Don't buy it. (b) Buy it and don't read it. (c) Read it and don't understand it. (d) Buy, read and understand, but don't take it in.

I have compiled a list of 'once-monthly subjects' suggested by various very competent people and I now have ten items. It seems imperative, therefore, that we should present to the outside world our theory of airy fairy flights into the fourth dimension, and recommend the immediate revision of the calendar to

accommodate the 'Toc H month' which has ten weeks.

One cannot judge a publication by the number of people who read it, even if it is the house magazine of a particular society. Millions read strip cartoons daily, but they derive no benefit from the practice, and I can assure Stan that many Church members could not tell him anything that is in the current church magazine except possibly those involved in the previous month's marriages. Many copies of the JOURNAL are passed around, and read by several people, sometimes members and sometimes not.

The way to keep interested readers is to print interesting matter, and this can only be done if those with the ability send it along.

NELSON H. PARKER.

Rushden, Northants.

Readership

DURING the recent winter, I have been able to really read a lot of the excellent literature available to us all. The Signpost, the Journals, Leaflets and booklets. Excellent, skilful, simple and comprehensive.

But how *much* of it all is really absorbed? . . . I maintain that most of it is bought, *glanced at*, and shelved.

I have been informed that 2,000 copies of the 43rd Annual Report are available, but not asked for, through the channels of application to Central Councillors. I have attended important meetings where important people ask questions on important subjects . . . when all the important answers have been in their possession in this *important publication* . . . a wonderfully concise booklet covering so briefly but completely *every* aspect of Toc H.

I have read the sets of questions asked of Tubby during his recent tours of Districts. The answers, in most cases, have been supplied for years in our publications.

It seems that many men may *lead*, but few really *read*.

Of course so few of us have the *time* to read it all. But my recent experience of Toc H meetings at *all levels* is that Toc H stands mainly for *Telling Other Chaps How!*

We are asking that Area and Central Guards *tell us the standards required* . . . how is such information to be *dispensed?* . . . will we have time to *read* the answers to our demands?

RON H. CARPENTER.
Southsea, Hants.

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Why this Segregation?

IT is to be regretted the writer of the letter in the March JOURNAL hadn't the courage to publish his or her name. So the time has come, according to the view expressed, that Toc H and the Women's Association should amalgamate into one movement at any rate at the administrative level with possible introduction of female area staff to look after the welfare of the men.

It will be recalled that at one time there was a very excellent body known as the League of Women Helpers, but as ladies' fashions change we saw the inevitable development of the Women's Association. Glory be.

What does the writer really want? A Toc H Women's Association with a League of Men Helpers?

Personally I have the greatest regard for our sister movement, but isn't it just nice to have complete freedom from knitting needles for a couple of hours or so each week.

A. J. SEYMOUR.

Woking, Surrey.

Tape Recordings

IT has occurred to me as a member of Ashtead Branch that in these days of modern inventions that some Branches might have a member who is the owner of a tape recorder. I have two machines recording at $3\frac{1}{2}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches per second and I use these at our meetings on occasions, but might it not be an idea for other Branches to 'tapespond' with us or other Branches with a view to exchanging ideas and getting closer together? I should be

pleased to hear from anyone interested on any tape up to 7 inches, or by letter.

S. G. MOTE.

*7 Overdale,
Ashtead, Surrey.*

IN our visits to an Old People's Home we are arranging to record for someone a message to forward to a nephew in Yorkshire. We are contacting the Yorkshire Branch for them to arrange the play back. Our friend is blind and partially deaf and we understand one can hire from somewhere recorders specially adapted. He was a great reader and books recorded on tapes are possible. Has any Branch had experience of this and can help us? Our Branch recorder is a Grundig T.K.14.

GEORGE MOORE.

*3 Hill Street,
Saffron Walden, Essex.*

Secret Society

DURING the recent Door Knocking - Extension Campaign held in St. Albans we received many replies which made us hang our heads in shame.

1. Never heard of it.
2. Did not know there was a Toc H in St. Albans.
3. I've played cricket with Barnet Toc H but never knew what they did.
4. I had a friend in London who was in Toc H but I never knew what it was about.

What's the matter with everyone? Can't we talk Toc H. *Extend* or die, yes, and *Talk* or die, and have something good to say.

GEORGE W. BRUTON.
St. Albans.

Journal Smalls

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